

NEWS AND GOSSIP IN SOCIETY'S CIRCLE

White House Luncheon To British Ambassador Given This Afternoon

THE President and Mrs. Roosevelt entertained at luncheon today the British Ambassador and Lady Durand, the American Ambassador and Mrs. Whitelaw Reid, and Bishop and Mrs. Earl Cranston. The President and Mrs. Roosevelt have issued invitations for a dinner on Friday evening, January 11, to be followed by a musicale. This will be the second of a series which they will give, beginning with January 4.

Miss Ethel Roosevelt, younger daughter of the President, returned to the White House today from a few days' visit in New York, doing Christmas shopping. She was the guest of her friend, Miss Lamdon, of Oyster Bay, L. I., who was her guest in the White House last spring.

Miss Helen Taft, daughter of the Secretary of War and Mrs. Taft, has arrived in Washington to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents and brothers. Miss Taft is attending school at Bryn Mawr.

Mrs. James Kernochan, of New York, who has spent the past two weeks at the guest of Miss Katherine Elkins, has returned to her home in the metropolis.

Miss Bowles, of San Francisco, who is the guest of Mrs. Metcalf, wife of the Secretary of the Navy, was the guest of honor at a large tea yesterday afternoon, of Miss Marlon Lietze, daughter of the commandant of the Washington Navy Yard. The guests and assistants were all members of the younger set, and for the most part, were the debutantes of this season. Assisting the youthful hostess, were Miss Mary Southland, Miss Louise Maxwell, Miss Olga Converse, Miss Esther Denpy, and Miss Laura Wells.

Mrs. Basil Gordon, of Baltimore, who recently closed her country place in Virginia, and has been the guest for some days of Captain and Mrs. Beatty, in the Navy Yard, went to Baltimore Thursday to spend a few days with relatives and do shopping. She will return to Mrs. Beatty's home today, and be her guest again until she selects a house for the winter. She has deferred her trip to Europe until next spring.

The Baroness von Sternburg, wife of the German ambassador, who has spent the past week in New York, returned to the embassy last evening.

The Japanese Ambassador and Viscountess Aoki were the guests of honor, for whom Capt. and Mrs. Richardson Clover entertained at dinner last evening. Covers were laid for eighteen. Captain and Mrs. Clover will entertain at dinner on January 7, in honor of the Secretary of State and Mrs. Root.

Mrs. Gibson Falmestock entertained at a large musicale and tea yesterday afternoon in her Washington residence, on I street. Her guests numbered 400. Assisting her in receiving were Mrs. Ralph Johnston, Mrs. Edward Simpson, Mrs. Chatham, Mrs. Robert Hinckley, and the Misses Tunstall Smith, of Baltimore, nieces of the hostess, who are spending this week with her. The program was given by Miss Elizabeth Ames, cellist, of Baltimore, and Myron Whitney, jr., baritone.

Handel's "Messiah" By the Choral Society

The annual performance of Handel's "Messiah" was given in the First Congregational Church last evening by the Washington Choral Society, under the direction of Sydney Lloyd Wrightson, the newly elected conductor of the society. The performance, with eight Washington soloists, attracted an audience which filled every seat and corner of the large edifice, a gratifying tribute to the popularity of the singers. The work of the chorus was excellent throughout. The voices are well blended and well balanced. There was an added interest in Mr. Wrightson's baton, as it was the identical one used by Richard Strauss during his visit in America two years ago, and which he presented to Mr. Wrightson when he was leaving for his home in Europe. The soloists were Miss Franceska Kaspar and Miss Harden-Hickey, soprano; Miss Clara Drew and Mrs. Holt, contraltos; B. Allen Terrell and Harry M. Stevens, tenors; and Arthur W. Porter and William Clabaugh, baritone. They were all a credit to themselves and to the society. Mr. Terrell made an instant success, and his interpretation of the aria and the solo was greatly appreciated. Miss Kaspar was at her best and re-

Luncheon Today by Mrs. Metcalf for House Guest

Wife of the Secretary of the Navy Entertaining Miss Bowles, of California.

Mrs. Metcalf, wife of the Secretary of the Navy, was hostess at luncheon today in compliment to her young guest for the holidays, Miss Amy Bowles, of California, who is attending school in New York. Invited to meet Miss Bowles were a number of the season's debutantes and members of the younger set.

Miss Joanna Schroeder, the attractive debutante daughter of Capt. and Mrs. Seaton Schroeder, U. S. N., made her formal debut this afternoon in her parents' home on N street.

The dining room was prettily decorated with poinsettia, palms, and ferns, and the tables were literally banked with the floral tributes from the many friends of the debutante.

Miss Schroeder received with her mother in a dainty gown of white net over silk. Miss Durand and Miss Oliver presided over the punch bowl and chocolate and Mrs. Wainwright poured tea.

The debutantes who also assisted in doing the honors of the afternoon were Miss Olga Converse, Miss Eleanor Slater, Miss Frederica Morgan, Miss Nellie Dodge, Miss Laura Wells, Miss Jessie Steele, Miss Helen Wilson, Miss Frances Goldsborough, Miss Mary Brewster, and Miss Evelyn Chew. Miss Mary Winslow, of Hartford, Conn., the house guest of Miss Schroeder, also assisted in receiving.

Mrs. Robert Hinckley was hostess today at a beautifully appointed luncheon.

Miss Gaff Weds Dr. Langhorne In Early Spring

The Engagement Was Announced by Her Parents at Domino Party.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas T. Gaff announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Zedie Forsyth Gaff to Dr. Cary D. Langhorne, U. S. N., Thursday evening at the domino party they had arranged in honor of Miss Josephine Durand, daughter of the retiring British ambassador and Lady Durand.

The wedding date has not yet been set, but it will probably be an early spring event.

Miss Gaff made her debut two seasons ago in her parents' old home on Rhode Island avenue, but they have since completed a handsome residence at the corner of Twentieth and Q streets.

Dr. Langhorne is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Langhorne, and a brother of Mrs. Powell Clayton, jr., and Mrs. Stanley Washburn, whose marriage took place in St. John, November 27.

Mrs. William A. Clark, wife of Senator Clark, of Montana, called yesterday from France for New York. She will join the Senator in New York next week and will come to Washington with him when Congress reconvenes after the Christmas holidays.

Miss Juliette Williams, the debutante daughter of Colonel and Mrs. Williams, of the Connecticut, entertained informally at dinner last night a few of the members of the younger set.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Stevens were hosts for a small company at dinner last night and afterward at a theater party at the Columbia.

Miss Eva McAdoo, daughter of the former police commissioner of New York, arrived in Washington today to be the guest of the Misses Southland for a time.

Among the society people who have invitations out for dinner tonight are the Vice President and Mrs. Fairbanks, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Walsh, who will entertain complimentary to the retiring British Ambassador and Lady Durand; Senator and Mrs. McKim; Mr. and Mrs. George T. Mary; Mrs. Richard Butler, of the Rochambeau; and Mr. and Mrs. George Xavier McLanahan.

CHURCH SERVICE IN ALEXANDRIA

Sixth Evening Vespers in St. Mary's—News of the Virginia City.

WASHINGTON TIMES BUREAU, ALEXANDRIA, VA., DEC. 22.

The sixth of the present series of evening vespers services will be held in St. Mary's Church tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock. The psalms, which under the motto proprio of Pope Pius X, are now required to be rendered by male voices, in the ancient Gregorian setting, will be sung by the full male choir. The sermon will be delivered by the Very Rev. A. P. Doyle, C. S. P., of the Apostolic Mission House, of Brooklyn, D. C. In his sermon, Father Doyle will discuss the present religious situation in France.

Funerals Sunday. The funeral of Washington E. Lewis will be held from his home in North Payne street tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. The funeral services will be conducted by the Rev. P. P. Phillips, of St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church, and the interment will be in the Union Cemetery.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Mary E. Watkins will be held from the home of her son, John H. Watkins, in King street, tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Cadets at Home. First Lieutenants C. M. Smith and L. T. Downey, Sergeants R. S. Hoffman, Ralph McBurney, R. P. A. Johnson and W. E. Hellmuth, and Corporals A. Harris, O. L. Watkins, P. P. Westlake, and J. H. Coates, of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, have returned to their homes in Alexandria to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents.

Police Court Cases. In the Police Court, Justice Caton presiding, the following cases were disposed of this morning: Frank Brooks, colored, arrested by Policeman Roberts on the charge of assaulting and beating his wife, Annie Brooks, was fined \$5.

Rufus Robinson, colored, arrested by Policeman Jones, charged with interfering with an officer while in the discharge of his duty, was fined \$2.50.

Local News Notes. Andrew Jackson Lodge of Masons have elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

J. Johnston Green, worshipful master; J. P. Fishel, P. E. Fisher, J. E. Alexander, D. Dinwiddie, junior wardens; J. E. Alexander, secretary; W. L. Allen, treasurer; John W. Graham, Jr., J. H. Robinson, J. H. Milburn, junior deacons; J. H. Trimmer, steward; Frank T. Mander, tiler.

FIRE DESTROYS SCHOOL WITH \$250,000 LOSS

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Fire between 2 and 3 o'clock this morning destroyed the big St. Stanislaus Parochial School, at Noble and Bradley streets. Four thousand day pupils, chiefly of Polish parentage, attended the school, but none of them was in the building when the fire started.

Miss Fleming Hostess Today At a Luncheon

Event in Honor of Miss Beach, Whose Wedding Takes Place December 27.

Miss India Bell Fleming was hostess today at luncheon in honor of Miss Helen Black, daughter of Gen. and Mrs. John C. Black, whose marriage to Lieut. Stephen Abbot, U. S. A., Artillery Corps, will take place Thursday, December 27.

The decorations in the dining room and drawing room were red and green, suggestive of the season, with the color scheme carried out with poinsettia blooms and Christmas greens.

Miss Fleming received her guests in an attractive gown of champagne colored radium brought with her from Paris last summer. To meet Miss Black were Miss Calderon, Miss Marguerite Shouts, Miss Theodora Shouts, Miss Irene Moore, Miss Edgardina Hastings, Miss Kearney, Miss Elizabeth Jewett, Miss Macarney, Miss Granger, and the three bridesmaids who have come from Chicago for the wedding, Miss Florence McFarley, Miss Margaret Nash, and her twin sister, Miss Madeline Nash.

Mrs. Horatio Bigelow has cards out for a musicale on Friday, December 28, when Mr. Gage, of New York, will be the artist.

Miss Lola Owens, formerly of this city, but now residing in New York, is the guest of Mrs. J. L. Hunt.

Mrs. Harry Kaufman, of Columbia road, entertained the Bridge Whist Club.

Mrs. Horning, of Seventeenth street, was hostess at luncheon on Thursday. The table was decorated in pink carnations and rich candied fruit. The guests were Mrs. Goldsmith, Mrs. B. Heid, Mrs. Marks, Mrs. Abrahams, and Miss Schneider.

Miss Carrye Cahn, of Baltimore, has returned home, after a visit of several weeks with her aunt, Mrs. Max Weyl, of R street.

Mrs. David Sawyer, of Columbia road, entertained a whist party on Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. C. Adler and Miss Rose Adler, of New York city, are visiting Miss Belle Hirsch, of 1348 Kenyon street.

Mrs. Herman Kahn and Miss Regina Weiss are located at 2021 I street northwest.

LETTERS FLAY SIXTIETH OHIO

President Gives Out Correspondence Relative to Discharge of Regiment.

There was made public from the White House this morning copies of the official correspondence between Brig. Gen. Dan Taylor and Adjutant General Thomas relative to the discharge from service of the Sixtieth Regiment, Ohio Volunteers, in 1862.

It was the dismissal of this regiment which has raised a sharp point of difference between the President and Senator Foraker.

The first letter from Taylor, dated October 22, 1862, announces that "this regiment is disorganized, mutinous, and worthless. Yesterday, its day for guard duty, out of 399 men reported for duty, only 122 men could be found, and they deserted their posts during the night. The officers have not the least control over their men, the men are mutinous, and I am absolutely without the power to enforce subordination. Those times are now out, as the day is all more or less affected by the idea that the Government has no right under their parole to require the least service from them."

General Taylor urges that the question of the discharge of the Sixtieth Ohio should be brought before the Secretary at once because, he explains, "it will rid the Government of a worthless regiment whose times are now out, as the day is all more or less affected by the idea that the Government has no right under their parole to require the least service from them."

Copies of the telegrams arranging for the mustering out, and an extract from the discharge book of the company are given out also.

LOCAL MENTION.

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Give a Singing Canary for Christmas. Schmid's Bird Store, 712 12th st. nw.

Hotel Johnson's Cafe. All the choice grades of oysters, broiled live lobsters and other sea food, direct from the catchers. Noon lunch, table d'hôte dinner and service a la carte. Steamed oysters.

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BIXBY ANSWERS THE SUMMONS OF HITCHCOCK

Chairman of Dawes Commission Appears to Answer Charges of Indians' Attorney.

The Hon. Tams Bixby, chairman of the Dawes Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes of Indian Territory, was a caller at the office of the Secretary of the Interior today.

Mr. Bixby had been called to Washington to explain certain matters relating to the administration of affairs in the Territory. Some days ago, as published in The Times, M. L. Mott, attorney for the Creek Nation, filed charges against Bixby, alleging various irregularities and improprieties in connection with the conduct of Indian affairs. Bixby had profited extensively by reason of relations to the Canadian Valley Trust Company of Muskogee. A relative of Bixby, it was said, was in connection with this company, which, through the favoritism of Bixby, had been permitted to enjoy certain advantages in handling lands, which had been made highly profitable.

Other Charges by Mott.

Other charges were made by Mr. Mott, and Mr. Bixby was called to the Capital to tell his side of the story. At the Interior Department today it was admitted that the Mott charges had been somewhat informal.

"The accusations about Bixby's relations to the Canadian Valley Trust Company," said a department official, "cover about the same ground as was touched by allegations made before the Senate some three years ago, and which were at that time investigated by Mr. Bonaparte. It was then shown that Bixby had disavowed all relations with the trust company. It is doubted whether there is anything in the charges at this time which was not thoroughly thrashed out in that investigation."

As to some of the other matters alleged against Bixby, he has explained that he can't very well explain them because he has nothing to do with them and no opportunity to have information about them."

Mr. Foulke's Report In.

William Dudley Foulke has laid before Secretary Hitchcock the results of an investigation he has made of conditions at Muskogee, which is alleged to be headquarters of the operations of the big interests that have been protesting to the disadvantage of both Government and Indians. This report of Mr. Foulke is understood to relate to much the same series of transactions that have been referred to in the Mott charges.

Mr. Bixby's summons to come here at the time when the Foulke report was due and the Mott charges that were recently filed has caused widespread interest at the department. Messrs. Mott and Foulke conferred with Secretary Hitchcock yesterday, and today Mr. Bixby was a caller at the Secretary's office. The charges now being investigated relate especially to the methods by which particular interests have come into possession of an immense area of the most valuable timber and lots in the Territory.

LOCAL MENTION.

Found Delicious Neapolitan Ice Cream, 5 Ice Bricks for 25c. Lacey, 607 New York ave. n.w.

Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra at Park Hotel, Winter Garden, Rathskeller, N. Y. ave. and 11th st. F. Endress, Prop.

Z. L. Tanner's Will Filed.

The will of Zera Luther Tanner, dated November 7 last, was today offered for probate. He leaves his wife, Helen B. Tanner, \$10,000 in lieu of dower, and a like amount to his only daughter, Ruth Francis Tanner. The remainder of his estate is left in equal shares to his wife and daughter. Mrs. Tanner is named as executrix.

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BELIEVES BROWN MADE LATER WILL

Mrs. Bradley Shows Little Emotion Over Disposal of Estate.

Cut off entirely by Senator Brown, for whom she says she made every sacrifice and afterwards killed, Mrs. Anna M. Bradley was but little affected when news of the filing of his will reached her in the District Jail this morning. Her attorneys, Hoover and Wells, visited her this morning, but she did not discuss the will incident at any length.

After reading the newspapers containing information to the effect that Senator Brown repudiates her and the two children, to which she says he was the father, Mrs. Bradley signed and said, "There must be a later will. He knew Arthur and Montgomery are his children and has acknowledged that in letters to me."

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Attorney Robert Wells said she was not prepared to state at this time whether or not the will would be contested. Judges Powers and Marionaux, one of the strongest legal teams in Salt Lake City, have been retained to look out for Mrs. Bradley's interest in Utah, and if the will is contested, of which there is every reason for believing they will take a very active part in the battle.

Senator Brown's will is dated August 24, 1906, almost four months before Mrs. Bradley shot him down in the Raleigh Hotel. In the document Senator Brown specifically disinherits Arthur and Montgomery, aged seven and three years, respectively. It was thought by some that Senator Brown drew up the will while in a vindictive mood at the Emergency Hospital, in the document Senator Brown of the institution, says he never asked for writing material and was not visited by anyone other than his son and daughter.

Dr. White says he is reasonably sure the will was not made in the Emergency Hospital in December and dated August.

ALL METZGER NEEDS IS THE BLUE FLAME

"I possess supernatural powers of foretelling events. I can detect if the earth contains valuable minerals by simply walking on it, by reason of blue flames shooting up in the air."

This was the statement made by Henry Metzger, thirty-three years old, address unknown, when arrested last evening by Central Office Detective Pratt on a charge of insanity, after an examination by the police surgeon he was committed to the Government Hospital for the Insane.

POLICE WAKE UP; DISCOVER PHONE

Metropolitans of England at Last Adopt the Apparatus.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The Metropolitan police have at last discovered the telephone. Incredible as it may seem, the police stations in London, except in the small "city" area, where there is a separate police force, have hitherto muddled along without that indispensable means of communication, and have in consequence missed capturing many criminals.

Now, after years of newspaper agitation, the chief commissioner of police has ordered that the various stations be connected with the telephone system. Years ago the city police authorities saw the necessity of the telephone and adopted it, but the metropolitan officers made the singular objection that they would be "subjected to all sorts of annoyance by irresponsible members of the public."

THREE CENTURIES IN A GOLF GAME

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Three hundred and forty years was the united age of four ancient golf enthusiasts who played a foursome over the Musselburgh links. The octogenarian players were R. D. Thompson, a retired Edinburgh merchant, aged 89; John Doelman, a tailor, aged 87; William Currie, a retired banker, aged 86, and James Bennet, a retired millwright, aged 85.

Currie and Bennet won the game, which was watched by a crowd of interested spectators. Their opponent, Thompson, who did not become a golfer until he was over 80, and was the oldest player in the match, was a little uncertain in his driving. The winners, however, played brilliantly. Doelman is an authority on golf.

PRINCE'S GUNNERS BEST MARKSMEN

LONDON, Dec. 22.—The British cruiser Drake, Rear Admiral Prince Louis of Battenberg's flagship, in which he visited New York last year, now hold the world's record for gunnery.

Shooting at a target four miles distant, in Aranci Bay, the Drake's gunners made 166 hits out of 155 rounds, or 79 per cent of hits. Lord Charles Bessborough, in his driving, "The winners, however, played brilliantly. Doelman is an authority on golf."

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